

I am horrified to hear of the FCC's unwillingness to deal with the clear abuse of the people's airwaves by broadcasting a partisan attack program under the guise of "news". If, in fact, the airwaves belong to the people (See the Communications Act of 1934), than a biased program MUST be offset with a program of equal length that favors the other side.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.